

March 2023

The [WMS Curriculum and Course Guide is linked here](#) and is also available on the website at www.gowcs.net (middle school page, applications & forms tab).

All 8th graders will take:

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| English Language Arts 8 | Science 8 |
| Math 8 or *Geometry | Social Studies 8 or **Advanced SS 8 |

***Geometry** - This 9th grade math course will be taken by students who completed Accelerated Math 7/8 during the current school year. Students who are interested in taking Geometry in addition to Math 8, please read below for more information.

****[Advanced Social Studies 8 - Click here](#)** to learn more and to determine if your child is an appropriate candidate for this course. Submit the electronic form by March 16th to be considered for this course.

Math and Reading Interventions: Some students may be assigned to **Math and/or Literacy Lab** during an exploratory period. You will receive teacher notification if your child qualifies.

Exploratory selections for 8th grade:

You may choose up to two full-year courses. These courses are optional.

Band

Choir

Spanish 1 A/B (HS credit course - no application required) - This one-year course gives students an option of earning a high school credit while in middle school. Successful completion of the course will count for 1 credit of the required 2 credits of world language for graduation. Spanish is taught at WMS and uses the same grading and retake policies of other WMS Courses.

Spanish 1B (HS credit course - no application required). This course is the second course of a two year commitment. Students who took Spanish 1A in 7th grade will continue with Spanish 1B in 8th grade.

***Geometry** (HS credit course - application required for double-up option) - Geometry is taught at WMS and uses the same grading and retake policies of other WMS courses. Students who wish to take Math 8 **and** Geometry - [Click here to learn more about the double-up option](#) and to determine if your child is an appropriate candidate. Additional forms provided in the link need to be submitted by March 16th to be considered for this course. (Eligibility notification will be made in the spring).

If fewer than two year-long courses are selected, students will select their preferences for semester exploratory courses.

Art
Automation & Robotics
Computer Science Discoveries
Creative Writing
Design & Modeling
Drama
Medical Detectives
Problem Solving
Team Sports
Yearbook

*Students may request 2 semesters of Team Sports on their Google Form. This is not guaranteed. No other course may be taken a second time during the same school year.

If your child is applying to take Geometry as a second math class (doubling up on Math 8 and Geometry), please note on the scheduling form, an alternate exploratory course request in the event that your child does not qualify. Please make this note in the 'optional' information section.

We appreciate your time and care in reading this information and completing the form in a timely fashion. Please email Mrs. McKinney at mckinna@gowcs.net with any specific questions about the scheduling process.

Sincerely,

Mrs. LaFleur
Principal

Mrs. McKinney
School Counselor

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